

4 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: Special Group C-I Meeting - 4 April 1963

1. Report of Mr. R. J. K. Thompson: more complete report was prepared by Mr. Cooper and is attached.

2. Report by Mr. William Jorden noted; detailed report by Mr. Cooper attached.

Mr. Jorden indicated that there was a feeling that the Diem government would not survive and there would be a change within 6 months. This remark created serious questioning by Governor Harriman, the Attorney General and myself as to just what Jorden meant and who was going to replace Diem, and what type of government would be installed. Jorden seemed at a loss with respect to details. Therefore, decided the matter would be reviewed by Jorden and others at the working level and submitted to the Special Group for discussion next week.

ACTION: Chester Cooper should follow with Jorden and be prepared to discuss the matter with me prior to the meeting.

3. Ambassador Young's telegram concerning access roads was deferred until next meeting.



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4. The Committee noted the differences between the Ambassador, the military and others concerning the extent and the seriousness of the subversion threat in Thailand. Governor Harriman requested that a USIB NIE be prepared and submitted immediately.

ACTION: Special Group consider this matter of urgent importance. I should review preparation of the NIE with Kent and, if it will be time-consuming, OCI should issue a memorandum to serve on an interim basis as Special Group C-I wishes to discuss this matter at their next meeting.

5. No other subjects were covered at the meeting.

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